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Hugh W. Terhune, administrator of the Philippine Fishery Program of the Fish and Wildlife Service, has been appointed Honorary Advisor on Fisheries to the Philippine Government by Dr. Elipidio Quirino, President of the Philippine Republic. This was disclosed today by Albert M. Day, director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mr. Terhune began his Government service in 1924 as a member of the former Bureau of Biological Survey in the Department of Agriculture. In August 1946, he was appointed to organize and administer the Philippine Fishery Rehabilitation Program, the only part of the Philippine rehabilitation program authorized by Congress on April 30, 1946 which is concerned with the production of food.

Now in operation in the Philippine Islands, the fishery program is producing direct results in the rehabilitation and modernization of the Philippine fishery industries. New fishing grounds are being explored, and knowledge necessary for the conservation and management of the fishery resources by the Philippine Government is being developed.

A well-equipped biological, oceanographic and technological laboratory in Manila and an experimental fish processing plant, both of which were constructed under Mr. Terhune's direction, are being operated under the fishery program. A fleet of three research and experimental fishing vessels, which are the most modern and well-equipped of their types, is also functioning. The program is carried out under Mr. Terhune by 117 employees, 51 of whom are American.

In presenting President Quirino's appointment to Mr. Terhune, Mariano Garchitorena, Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources of the Philippines, stated: "It has been the privilege of the Republic of the Philippines to have a man of the ability and qualities of Mr. Terhune designated as Honorary Advisor on Fisheries, Mr. Terhune's appointment has been made by the President of the Philippines in recognition of the appreciation of the people of the Philippines for the services he has carried out in aiding the Philippine Government in rehabilitating and developing its fisheries and fishery industries."